

**Waterways Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday August 3, 2016**  
**7:15 pm**  
**Scituate Maritime Center**

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***In attendance:*** Mike Gibbons, Fran McMillen, Keith Walo, Michael Lorusso, Stephen Mone, Dave Glancy, Brian Kelly, Dave Friedman, Brian Cronin.

***Also in Attendance:*** Richard Eckhouse, David Dauphinee, Shawn Harris

- I. Call Meeting to Order – Cronin- 7:15pm
- II. Acceptance of Agenda – Cronin, Unanimously accepted
- III. Acceptance of July minutes – Cronin, 1<sup>st</sup> motion Gibbons, , Unanimously accepted

Opening remarks, Schooner America visit to Scituate Harbor was very successful.

IV. New Business

- A. MOU- Cronin-There is no update, still being reviewed making progress.
- B. Mooring Rules Changes- Cronin- the Town Administrator gave feedback on the changes to the mooring rules and regulations. There should be a disclaimer, that the Waterways Commission is an advisor to the Selectmen, and the Harbormaster reports to the Town Administrator.  
Change the wording from “ruling” to “recommendation.”  
Gibbons- Motion  
Walo- opposed  
Second  
All in favor, Motion Passed
- C. Harbor Plan update-Cronin- The last time the harbor plan was updated was in 2011, under John Murphy. An updated harbor plan will help in securing grant money. A volunteer working group was established. Dave Friedman, Brian Kelly, and Brian Cronin volunteered to be part of the working group.
- D. Harbormaster Tow Policy-Cronin/Mone- NASBLA policy was giving to all members and attendees at the July meeting. The last two pages of the NASBLA document, give the tow policy and what is determined to be a non-emergency. The geographical area for a tow would be 3 miles, the normal operating area for the harbormaster. Harbormaster Stephen Mone recommends going with the MASBLA policy, with geographical borders, and standard operation areas. AOR (area of responsibility).  
Question: The NASBLA was written in 2009, is there a new revision? No, the 2009 is the current version  
Motion: Adopt NASBLA guidelines with AOR added  
Second: Dave Friedman  
Mone- Abstained  
Unanimous –passed
- E. New Members/Board Organization-Cronin – Vote for a new Water Ways chairperson. Fran McMillen, Keith Walo, Mike Lorusso were nominated. Each made a brief statement. A written ballot was taken. Dick Eckhouse, a non-board member

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counted the ballot. Fran McMillen was the new Chairperson. Selectman Shawn Harris, who was attending the meeting, brought up concerns about being an anonymous written ballot.

Other topics discussed:

1. Old harbormaster's Whaler- Keith Walo, wanted to know if could transfer the assets to the recreation department. Harbormaster Mone- replied the Whaler is in very bad shape, and has informally been totaled.
2. Illegal Mooring- Keith Walo, How are we addressing illegal moorings in the Cedar Point area? Shawn Harris, How do you make mooring legitimate? There was a discussion on," What is deeded or titled land?" Either way you still need a permit.
3. Federal government visited the pump out station, SMP, and CPM. They looked at the facilities, restrooms. The visit was to make sure that the BIG grant money was being spent properly.
4. Rudi Gerhart stated he has signed up for the past ten years on the mooring waiting list. He forgot to sign up this year and was removed. He is requesting to be put back on the mooring waiting list. Cronin, advised Mr. Gerhart, to submit his request in writing, and have it added to the next Water Ways agenda.

New Chairman – Fran McMillen adjourned the meeting